

Abstract

This study examined the parental evaluation of children who are doing okay. 20 Chinese parents were interviewed. The Criteria of Child Competence Interview (CCC) was used for investigating the competent criteria valued by Hong Kong parents. Result showed that HK parents use 10 competent criteria for evaluation a competent child. These 10 competent criteria were equal likely to apply to preadolescent boys and girls age 5-12, and adolescent boys and girls age 12-13. Also, the parents were able to think the four groups of children as competent. Socio-cultural factors contributed to the competent criteria were investigated and cultural comparison was also examined.